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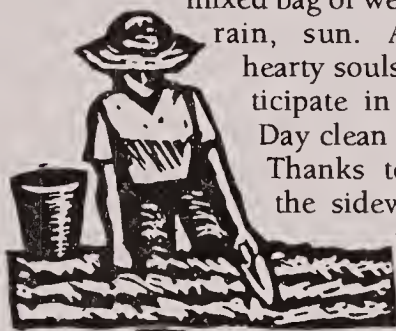
ST. MARY'S PARK IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Greetings Friends & Neighbors! ¡Bienvenidos! Mabuhay! Bon Giorno! 您好

May, 1998

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteers make this neighborhood great. No doubt about it. Last Saturday had El Niño's mixed bag of weather... rain, sun,



rain, sun. And, yet, many hearty souls came out to participate in the pre-Mother's Day clean up

Thanks to them, most of the sidewalks, curbs, corners and gutters in the Park look pretty spiffy.

And, they produced a good sized mountain of trash bags as proof of their good work. Thanks to all. And, if you didn't have a chance to participate, this Saturday is the Mayor's Great Sweep. Get out and clean up.

The Dept. of Rec. & Park held a community input meeting about the proposed dog park for the abandoned terrace in the Park. About 20 neighbors gave their input. The dog park is a good idea for Rec. & Park. We applaud their efforts and their design.



Several neighbors spoke out about the need to upgrade and improve the children's play area. That will be our next major effort. If you want to get involved in a Club committee about the Park, come to its first meeting Tuesday, May 19th, 7:30 PM at my home: 21 Agnon Ave. If you can't come, drop me a line about things you would like to see improved in our park facility.

The neighborhood-wide garage sale will be Saturday, June 27th. If you've got junk to sell, or you want to help with the sale organization, fill out the coupon on the flyer.

Enjoy the Summer!



Jonna Ramey

Ingleside Station Update

Officer Robert Kaprosch has recently been assigned as our liaison to Ingleside Station. If there's a recurring problem that could use police assistance, call **Officer Kaprosch at 553-1603**. He's there to help.



POT LUCK DINNER

MAY 12

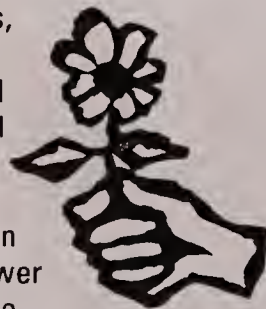
Y'ALL COME!

There are some great cooks in this neighborhood and at our next Club meeting, you can sample their best. Our annual pot luck dinner kicks off the Summer season. Bring your family, bring a dish to share, and bring your appetite. The Club will provide soft drinks, chips, paper plates, cups and cutlery. All neighbors welcome.



President's Garden Awards

This month, I would like to single out an entire block of the Park for a Garden Award. Lower Benton, as a whole, deserves a neighborhood-wide round of applause. Take a stroll around the homes that surround Benton island, and you'll see what I mean. Yes, there is a yard or two that could use work, but overall this block provides a visual feast of green and color, plantings and landscape design. A neighborhood can be a beautiful thing and lower Benton, from the freeway to Genebern, is a great example.



Neighbor Recommendation

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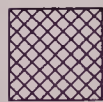
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Creating a Safer Neighborhood An Interview with Ingleside Police Captain Rick Bruce

by Marlo Contreras

Enough neighborhoods and cities have now studied crime patterns to leave little doubt the fact that well organized and well maintained communities have less crime. Marlo Contreras, a St. Mary's Park resident recently interviewed Captain Rick Bruce of Ingleside Station to find out his thoughts on the matter.

Marlo: What are the differences you encounter between the neighborhoods that have Associations, Improvement Clubs, etc. and those that do not?

Capt. Bruce: Those neighborhood with Associations and Block Clubs are more organized and focused, more effective when dealing with city government due to their numbers, safer due to their knowledge of their neighbors' schedules and vacations and more likely to accomplish positive change in their neighborhood

Marlo: In your line of duty, have you found Safe Watch programs to be truly beneficial in curbing criminal activities in neighborhoods?

Capt. Bruce: Yes. Many, if not most of the burglars that we catch are as a result of neighbors phoning in upon seeing suspicious activities. When a neighborhood learns the patterns (work, school and vacation) of its various residents, each becomes safer.



Additionally, if a criminal is aware that a particular block is organized, by the posting of Neighborhood Watch signs, for example, then that criminal is more likely to go to another neighborhood to do his dirty work.

Marlo: What are the reasons for homeowners and renters to keep their surrounding property clear of debris, high grass and weeds and overgrown bushes?

Capt. Bruce: There are two reasons. One, to the extent that a property is clear of debris it is more difficult for a potential burglar to hide while attempting to enter the premises. And, two, is the "broken window" theory. This theory states that once a property begins to look neglected, such as by having an unrepaired broken window, the property actually attracts more vandalism. The same is true of other crimes. A neglected home is often a magnet or both vandalism and other crime.

GIGGLE CORNER

A panda bear entered a restaurant, ordered food, ate it, shot the waiter and began to walk out.

Somebody protested, saying, "You can't do that!"



And the panda said, "It's in the dictionary."

They looked it up, and the dictionary said, "Panda, eats shoots and leaves."

Doggie Day Care

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SUNSHINE CORNER

By Armando Pulido and Jonna Ramey

In Memorium...

Condolences to the family of Bob Phipps, who passed away on March 4 after a long battle with leukemia. He was 67 years old and will be greatly missed. ...Also, to the family of John Cook, who passed away after being hospitalized.

Thank You, St. Mary's Park, from the Ford Family

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the friends and neighbors of our beloved Bob who recently reached out to us in our time of sadness. We are so grateful for your care and concern expressed in the forms of visits, meals, cards, calls and prayers. Your generosity touched us all, and it is easy for us to see why he loved his community so much. We will continue to miss Bob greatly, and we are comforted to know that so many other folks knew just how wonderful he was. Thank you.

ST. MARY'S PARK CRIME WATCH

The Ingleside Police Station provided the following information about crimes reported in St. Mary's Park and the surrounding area.

Type of Crime	April, 1998
Robbery	1
Assault	1
Burglary	4
Theft	3
Auto	5
Other	<u>14</u>
Total	28

During April, only three reported incidents occurred in St. Mary's Park itself. A burglary occurred at the apartment building at the corner of Murray and Mission Streets. An attempted theft from a vehicle occurred in the Murray/Mission Street area. The other crimes reported to the Police occurred primarily on Mission and Elsworth Streets.

Park residents are strongly encouraged to report ALL suspicious activity to the Police. We all can help to keep the Park safe by making sure the Police are aware of each and every crime.

By Scott Feldman

LEND A HAND Committee Commences!

Each of us, at one time or another, has a run of bad luck and needs a helping hand. There's no shame in asking for help and your neighbors here in the Park would like to Lend A Hand.

We're here to assist with special needs such as cooking a meal, cleaning, running errands while you are incapacitated, getting you to your doctor's appointment, or going to the Post Office or cleaners. Perhaps you have some gardening that is beyond your scope. Or would you enjoy a visit from your neighbor? One of us could read to you or take care of some paperwork.

If you have these or other needs, please let us know about it. If your neighbor is in need but is reluctant to ask, perhaps we can help. Contact Marlo Contreras at 587-7759. Or, if you would like to volunteer one time or many, call Marlo.



Neighbors helping neighbors. Just one of the benefits of being part of the Saint Mary's Park community.

Useful Phone Numbers



Abandoned Cars	781-5865
Building Inspection Info	558-6087
Curb Painting	554-2336
DPW 24-Hour Emergency	695-2020
Disability Access	558-4524
Electrical Inspection	558-6030
Energy Conservation/Housing	558-6220
Fire Dept.	558-3200
Flea Market	647-9423
Garbage Service Complaints	252-3800
Graffiti Hot Line	241-WASH
Illegal Parking	553-1200
Muni Info	673-6864
Noise	
Nuisance (Police)	553-1012
Building Construction	558-6096
Street Construction	554-5816
Other than Construction	554-2777
Parking Meters (Out of Order)	550-2739
Parking Permits (Residential)	554-9910
Parking Lots (City Owned)	554-9805
Plumbing Inspection	558-6054
Police Dept.	553-0123
Ingleside Station	553-1603
Recycling	554-3400
Rodent Control	252-3877
Sewer Repair	695-2096
Signs (Missing or Damaged)	554-9780
Spills (Street Area Haz. Mat.)	861-8020
Street Cleaning	695-2017
Street Lighting (Out of Order)	554-0730
Street Repair (Potholes)	695-2100
Street/Sidewalk Inspection	554-5810
Traffic Signals (Out of Order)	550-2736
Tree Planting	554-6700
Trees (City Owned)	695-2162
3-R Residential Records Report	558-6081
Tow-Away (Retrieve Towed Cars)	553-1240
Water Dept. Emergencies	
Street Breaks (24 Hour)	550-4911
In Home (8am-5pm)	923-2400

A "Gold" Nugget

by Herbert Gold, Writer

A walking town, blessedly limited and cleansed by the bay and ocean, San Francisco is also America's last great metropolitan village. It is a place to be explained, like a blind man defining an elephant—different wherever you happen to touch it.

